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Right folks... Where do I start..? The last two months has seen a wealth of UFO information hitting our eyes and ears, from press to radio up and down the country. SUFOG has been run ragged with a television interview and follow-up radio interviews. UFO's and crop circles have been the talk of the media. The last two months saw no less than 1 television interview and 3 radio programs in a period of just a few weeks. We have done 2 talks in a period of two weeks and myself and SUFOG secretary Steve Rider went to London to see the 'Janus' concert (Full report inside) but who did we bump into there but ? I will leave you guessing until you read on. Also, these past few months have seen a number of UFO reports from the Southampton and Basingstoke area of Hampshire and it appears that SUFOG has upset a Mexican researcher all because we don't agree with his methods of researching a certain 'Bedhampton' case.

I have put the Bedhampton case to bed now and until I see more concrete proof and my questions are answered by the said Mexican researcher, I do not wish to waist my time and efforts. But, saying that, due to the recent influx of UFO sightings in the area, I will be writing to the Portsmouth News for any witnesses to the recent

Southampton/Basingstoke reports just in case it may trigger witnesses from the Portsmouth area. To date, since the UFO sightings/reports started in the Bedhampton/Portsmouth area some 10 months ago, there has not been one appeal to witnesses in the newspaper. Although there are claimed to be other witnesses, any UFO researcher should start with an appeal to the press... Unless there is more to the story than meets the eye ?

Anyway, back to the past few months. Here is a listing of the things that have happened :

14th June : Filming for Southern Ways TV Program.

19th June : Screening of the Southern Ways program concerning SUFOG.

23rd June : BBC Radio Solent : Steve Gerrard and David Kingston.

23rd June : Two Counties Radio : SUFOG secretary Steve Rider.

1st July : Southampton Echo.

8th July : Southampton Echo.

10th July : Women's Institute lecture : Steve Gerrard and Steve Rider.

11th July : BBC Radio Solent : Steve Gerrard.

12th July : The Janus Concert in London.

18th July : Women's Institute Portsmouth talk. Steve Gerrard / Steve Rider.

Also the following items will be covered in the newsletter are :

23rd June : The Observer Newspaper.

29th June : The Daily Star.

15th July : BBC Radio Wales.

15th July : The Daily Mail.

16th July : GMTV TV

21st July : Sunday Express.

Read on.....

BBC Radio Solent : Mike Powell Show

23rd June 2002 : 14.30 hrs - 15.00 hrs.

I stood outside ringing the intercom but after 15 minutes no one answered, and so I went around to the side entrance/car park. I approached the security guard and after contacting the studio I was met out side and taken to meet the producer Victoria Bartlett. After introductions, I went into Mike's studio and sat down. I plugged my headphones in and Mike started the program. I was expecting a 15 minute slot, but after Mike introduced David Kingston, I found out that it was a 30 minute special... After the introductions, I spoke of how I was introduced to UFOlogy. The 30 minutes gave me around 12 minutes and David Kingston about the same length. We received one phone call and we covered a myriad of topics. A great 30 minute program and a bit more coverage for the group.

Two Counties Radio 23rd June 2002

Hot on the trail of the above program, Two Counties Radio (Sister program of Radio Solent) did a one hour evening program on UFO's. I found out about it by chance and couldn't believe my ears. I thought twice in one day... Hmm .. So, I phoned into the program and spoke to the producer. Unfortunately, because I had been on Radio Solent in the afternoon (They didn't even know about the previous program), they declined my invitation to speak. So, plan two... I phoned SUFOG secretary Steve Rider, and told him about the program and suggested that he phoned in.. Fingers crossed.. Suddenly, he was introduced and spent the next 20 minutes talking about the group and plugging us yet again.. Two programs in the same day.. Wow.. Talk about publicising the group !! A very successful day indeed and things did not slow down from there.

BBC Radio Solent 11th July 2002.

I received a phone call again to appear on radio Solent to do yet another radio interview.. Well, interview being not quite the word. I was asked if I would appear on Curious Questions Answered. This was a program where you can phone in with any question that you wanted to know the answer to.

They had had so many questions regarding UFO's, aliens and crop circles, that they decided to make the whole program designated to the subject. Here are some of the questions that I was asked to answer on air :

Is there a world body that would talk to aliens if they arrived?

What part of the universe would UFO's come from ?

Are crop circles the product of UFO's?

Do crop circles happen all over the world?

Is water on Mars proof of Alien existence?

Was the moon landing a fake? I read recently it was all staged.

Do the government have a department that investigates UFO's?

What colour are aliens most likely to be - do you think they'll be little green men?

What's the most common type of UFO?

Are UFO sightings the same the world over?

I read recently that there are less UFO sightings now than ever - is this true?

As you can see, they weren't the best questions in the world, but they certainly got the answers they deserved. The program was really good and I certainly enjoyed answering the questions with what I think were good, honest answers.

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***** SIGHTINGS *****

Sightings by SUFOG members and others in the area of Hampshire and Dorset recently... looking good but investigations ongoing...

DAVINA REYNOLDS reports on a sighting form that at 8.40 a.m. approx (Monday 24th June) while looking casually out of a long window at a friends house she saw a brilliant light suddenly appear, high up, in a clear blue sky. Location Lordshill, Southampton. Brighter than a star, it suddenly vanished after moving very slowly, only to have another looking the same appear near to hand to the first, which repeated the vanishing trick ! Used to seeing aircraft from Eastleigh, these were patently not.

DAVINA had a further sighting on the evening of the 17th July, between 11.30 and 11.45 p.m. from her Lordshill home. Hearing a very loud aircraft passing over she went to her back door and looked out, to see the aircraft disappearing towards the Isle of Wight. A red light was then observed coming the other way towards her at about the same height as the aircraft. Another red light was following the first at a steady distance from the first as a few yards. Not high. No sound as they passed over and nothing between them... she could see the stars. Not fast... she was able to catch them again from her front door until they went behind some trees. They both emitted a white flashing light at intervals. 'they went as silently as they came' was her description.

FERNE and **ROBERT** are two SUFOG members who live at Christchurch, Dorset, when they are not in the USA. In mid June... awaiting sighting form for dates etc... they were in a group skywatching at Hengistbury Head around 11 p.m. when a kind of "balloon" shape appeared from the direction of Bournemouth... not really high... no noise... and appearing to be illuminated from within. It flew past them and proceeded up the coast towards New Milton before vanishing in the distance. Hengistbury Head is a noted hotspot for

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strange goings on... even in daylight I have experienced its "atmosphere". Almost "spiritual". SUFOG members present at the July meeting will recall the "coincidences" yours truly encountered with what Ferne and Robert began to tell us about the event and other things. Even BEFORE I knew who they were as they turned up for the first time there!

BASINGSTOKE had a whole family... sighting form completed but requested anonymity... and related a brightly lit "craft" that had lights 'all around it' that went over their home at Worting just outside Basingstoke at around 9 p.m. on the 17th July. (note : same date as Davina... see above) But this one was a 'rugby ball shape or a fat cigar' as the mother, father, and son wrote. Estimated height 500 feet. About same size as a glider body... say 15 feet. No noise. Blimp known about but definitely not that. By one of those strange coincidences I learnt of this sighting from a friend who works in a shop just yards from my home... the witnesses are his family and asked him did he know WHERE they could report the event !

USEFUL COMMENTS?

I always stay up late after a SUFOG meeting, reading the SUFOG magazine when it's publishing date comes around. Since our founder and editor asks for comments in issue 139/140 here goes.. All constructive I hope!

I can find no disagreement with Steve Rider's long article on the shortcomings of our members who we rarely see but there is NO SOLUTION I'm afraid, Steve. I've dealt with groups and clubs for many years in the past.. Not UFO ones.. Where it's been music of several kinds, and yes, your right, a "personality" who is famous or semi-famous will drag them out, not otherwise, loyalty being still in short supply. So... I repeat, the attraction is in the hands of our celestial brothers out there! Give people a dramatic and media conscious sighting or landing and they will swarm! OK?

Secondly... in view of our editors complaint of 'never enough space' how come Steve Rider's article on the Fareham talk they did wasted half a page repeating the last half page and right alongside it too?

Thirdly, then I was concerned to see my OWN error in the same issue in my cuttings section! I mentioned my own review on Colin Bennett's new Charles Fort book. Liar! I meant "Looking for Orthon"... Collin's first book I reviewed. The Charles Fort one is not due out until this next week as I write. Sorry!

Fourthly, my review of "The Time of our Visitation" said I had a 'V' shaped silver object removed from my wrist at 12 or 13 years old. Not so. Steve's computer spell check had it wrong. It was a "V shaped SLIVER removed from my wrist" as I've often said to people, showing the scar still there after some sixty years!

Fifthly and sixthly too and otherwise : "PRAT" is spelt with one T Steve. I was 78 at that Cheesefoot Head filming not 77... but thanks!... people do say I look younger! It WAS windy but "drafted" please ! "Hole" isn't "whole". "Would of" is sloppy Hampshire speak for "would have" which is how we pronounce it anyway although "would've" is OK. I speak sloppy too... OK.. Quite enough did you say? But I am proud of our group and this magazine. It's better than many others I get given to review.

Yours : Ernie Sears... I don't use my spell check.. Too risky and long winded !

Book Review .. By Ernie Sears.

"The Missing Times" by Terry Hansen is one of those books you hear about that says 'If you never read another book this is the one in your life that will change it'... or something to that effect. I bought this one from UFO Magazine as it seemed to say "know thine enemy". Three quarters of the way through it I was almost ready to give up forty years of UFO experiences! Powerful Govern mental forces allied with greedy or power hungry newspaper moguls, reporters, etc etc with UFO groups infiltrated with CIA or ex-CIA agents, film and TV programmes subject to censorship, reporters who do a deal with the CIA and other covert agencies. And much much more ! God, I thought... and I'm not one for praying! Some of that stuff goes back to World War One... hidden casualty figures so as not to scare people into thoughts of surrender. I experienced that in World War Two when "gas mains" were beginning to explode all over London too often. Later we learnt of the German V1 doodlebugs and then the V2 rockets. The Americans had the same problem with German subs that lurked off the East coast of America and sunk 300 plus merchant ships in about two years thus almost bringing the nation to it's knees when supplies could not get through. Attacks took place within sight of cars on nearby beach roads. The authorities said "exercises!" Japanese sent helium balloons hundreds of miles armed with bombs over the USA. They did damage.. Fortunately in vast open spaces or over the ocean. Those 1952 over-flights by UFO's in Washington skies, abortive chases by American jets, the media told to say "temperature inversions" when there WEREN'T"! Roswell! Ah! God, I thought, again! How do we resist misinformation by Governments... here as well ! Fortunately, as I reached the last few chapters I said "thank God" as optimism prevailed! Of course! Modern technology, computers, swift communications, the Web Sites and the Internet, we can, we ARE, using the same "weapons" as the big secret service agencies, we are fighting back with world wide information, with sightings galore, we are learning to recognise the "plants", the hoaxes,

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and the ones which... thank God !... match our own experiences in every respect. "Plausible deniability" is the buzz word in Governmental disinformation centres. Ask tougher questions, says author Terry Hansen. Question authority... especially scientific authority. Arthur C. Clarke once wrote : "What seems like magic today can become tomorrow's high technology" to paraphrase a comment he made. Simply recognising that UFO's exist can transform our world. Remember.. Had you noticed?... local news can beat national ditto, local papers and TV and radio are weapons we can use without interference from elsewhere... come on, YOU know that. Yes... "The Missing Times", an indirect reference to the mighty New York Times and the Washington Times newspapers, is a superb book. Disturbing, yes, but in the end, a warehouse stocked with TRUTH.

Albert Einstein's "The Unified Field Theory".

Hello Southampton UFO Group,

Members of your organisation might like to view this Web-Site : www.unifiedftheory.com This site contains excerpts from a "Treatise" that :

1. Will provide you with scientific explanation and new knowledge about UFO and ET.
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Sujoy Deyasi.

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UFO Report following Southern Ways
18 June 2002.

I recognise the report (Netley Abbey 27.9.00) - I too have seen this in the evening sky. 2-3 years ago. I live in Bursledon, and noticed the 'object' about '2 inches' above the horizon. I was walking southwards on Hamble Lane at the time, just by the footpath to ———, where I live. Some have dismissed what I said I saw a 'blimp', but aren't they required to display the standard lights for navigation ? This wasn't! I did get some photos (I went home for my camera), but they're very fuzzy - too much camera shake, but then, who wouldn't! It had the same lights as your website report, in a line along the 'bottom'. Above, (about ¼ inch), were some individual white lights, in another line... It was stationary for ages. A bloke had pulled up on the kerb, and was watching it. I asked if he saw what I did? He said yes ! He then told me he'd followed it from (possibly) Portsmouth. Looking out over that field, the tree line on the horizon, it was just above that. It stayed there for ages. I first saw it on my way to Tesco for shopping. Still there as I returned. I had time to get my shopping home, and then return to Hamble Lane. Still there ! To me, the lights could have been red and blue or green. Hard to tell, at that distance. It was long and oval, dark against the darkening sky - the sun had gone down below the horizon. There was also a cloud bank on the horizon. It was in front of that. The 'top', where the white lights were, was shorter horizontally than the 'bottom', the one centred above the other. That was my second sighting.

The first was many years ago in the NW area of London. Kenton, etc, where I grew up. At a firework display... the sky black, the rockets flew, as did sparks. Bt. one didn't go out. Just hovered there. No brighter than the average star. Then it did a '+' formation-up, stop, down (to centre), stop, right, stop, back, stop, down, stop, back up to centre, stop, then shot off to the right in an arc, covering approx. 90 degrees, and vanished. Moments later, it re-appeared, and repeated the pattern. After it shot off the second time, I didn't see it again. It was witnessed by my then boyfriend. Certainly made my evening!

No one yet has yet explained these to my satisfaction. It has been suggested the above was 'military manoeuvres'. But whose military? If anyone's!

I try to keep my feet on the ground, but I do enjoy Star Trek. I wish we could live in their world!

I've tried to follow Roswell, SETI, The Sky at

Night, etc, so at least I've an idea of what's meant to be up/out there.

(E.Mail received 19th June 2002)

WI talk in Portsmouth 18th July 2002..

This talk was booked over a year ago, and I obviously had plenty of warning for it. This was arranged through one of our members Mrs. Boxhall and I thanks her very much for this. I prepared my bits and pieces and knowing Steve Rider was to be there as well with a video projector, I set off. I thought I may not make it as my car started playing up, but I limped along and arrived in plenty of time. I had to sit in the car until a key arrived along with Steve Rider.

The talk was due to start at 8 p.m. after the business of the WI had taken place. This gave us plenty of time to set up... Problem time... I forgot the extension leads and we only had single plug sockets... After a bit of table moving and moving the screen for the best picture, we were ready, with seconds to spare.

The talk went well, as can be seen from the video we made of the talk. I talked about the UFO sightings over Bedhampton (Well, the little I knew about it) and I received some good feed back such as 'Surely if it was that close, why hasn't others reported them' and 'we have seen nothing in the newspapers'... I then went onto the video tape footage that we have filmed over Portsmouth and went on to talk about crop circles. At this point I looked at Steve Rider and said 'What about our ghost exploits, as I am sure everyone would like a quick overview'... I was right... they thoroughly enjoyed Steve's impromptu talk.

We had a number of questions asked and we packed up and hit the road around 9.15 p.m.. A great success and as we drove back on the motorway past Bedhampton and Portsmouth we hoped, but alas we saw nothing over the Portsmouth skies.. One lives in hope ... !!!!

Steve Gerrard

Project Phoenix.
(E.Mail 16.7.02)

Hello SUFOG

The project PHOENIX.

The group of the developers and researchers engage by study of process of movement of UFO and offers to all interested persons to discuss the project about creation of the working prototype with a complete set of the characteristics of movement of UFO.

The project PHOENIX consists of the following stages of creation of the prototype :

1. Research work on study of movement of UFO in space.
2. Creation of theoretical base on movement of UFO.
3. Realization of experimental laboratory experiences by change of a ratio of space and time.
4. Creation of model, which changes a ratio of space and time.

The given model is created on the basis of research work :

- 4.1 Creation of the program of modelling of movement of UFO
- 4.2 Creation of computer program (emulator), which is based on the basis of experimental by change of a ratio of space and time.
5. Processing the mathematical data received as a result of modelling.
6. Creation of the prototype of propulsion system.

The group of the developers and researchers has carried out works on first, second and third stage. The first stage has included processing the numerous data. The analysis of the data was carried out more than 20 years. The second stage has included development of mathematical model. The third stage has included two successful experiences.

Our group invites everybody to take part in discussion and realization of this project. We shall answer all offers, which have arrived to us. Our e.mail : phoenix@anort.com or dmitryg@mailgate.ry

Dmitry Golub & Alexey Gavrillov. Russia.

Recent e.mail received 9th August...

Hi am originally from Southampton have moved to Western Australia in the outskirts suburb of Clifton Hills I have seen you have had reports of a similar sighting which we see up to 3 to 4 times a week. I thought I would let you know because I see there is a lot in common with your reports and I am on the other side of the world from where you are. We normally see 1 - 3 very bright orange balls of light that make no noise, can travel at tremendous speeds, hover, change size from about the size of a star to the size of a baseball pitch. It is an amazing thing to see especially as close as we see them sometimes as close as about 100 ft. Sometimes they travel in three's in a perfect triangle formation, or in two's next to each other with one that always seems to lead the way to the other and also one by itself that changes its size more often than when it is with other ones. We usually see them around 8.30 p.m. - 10 p.m. on nearly every second night. I have experiences with these same objects most of my life and so has my twin sister and sometimes as close as about 20 ft away. Anyway, we always see the objects travelling from an easterly direction over the hills heading towards Rockingham in the west which is where Australia has its navy base. These sightings have been so common we have been able to show family and friends, some who were the biggest sceptics of all until they see for themselves! I hope I have shed a bit of light on this information for you. I hope it helps in some way and to let you know there are others that believe and see in other countries too. Thanks for your time. If I can help any further, let me know what information you have to, if you don't mind.

Thanks.

Tanya and Damien.

(I thought I would include this e.mail to let readers know just what else is going on around the world. I will be replying to the e.mail and any other information that I receive, I will pass it on through the newsletter... Steve Gerrard.)

A Big Plea from your Editor..

I need your help.. Due to problems recently with my PC, I am trying to get copies of back issues of the SUFOG Newsletter. If you have a copy of any of the following, either send me your copy and I will get it photocopied, or, if you can get it copied and post the copy to me, it would be gratefully received :

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Please help your editor, as SUFOG's history is in the above publications.. I look forward to hearing from you..

GMTV : Crop Circles.. 16th July 2002.

This item was recorded by group secretary Steve Rider whilst he was getting ready for work. It looked at the 2002 season of crop circles and the large formation at Stonehenge featured in all its colour glory in the Daily Mail newspaper.

The amusing piece for me was that there was a douser in the formation along with the presenter. She had hold of a crystal on a chain and she was 'dowsing' the formation in-front of the camera. It was so blatantly obvious, that yes, the crystal was going around in circles, but you could see her wrist moving. So, she was in control of the crystal and by slightly moving her wrist, the crystal went around in circles. It was so obvious that I wanted to burst out laughing, but no, I held it all in and when the program was finished, I laughed my socks off. Yes, There are researchers that can douse circles I have no doubt of this as I have seen them do it. But this so called douser just made a mockery of the subject. Even when the presenter tried his had at it, you could see he had been taught well. Again. His wrist took control, and yes, the crystal was moving around in circles.

This program should be relegated to the dustbin section of your video collection and for marks out of 10, well, I think I would give it 2 out of 10 for content and for comical content a full 10 out of 10. This will be showed at the SUFOG 15th August meeting for those who are able to make it, and I eagerly await your comments on this somewhat comical program.

If anyone else saw this program.. Please send me your comments as you may not be as scathing as I am, but I must put my hand on my hearty and be very honest about any reviews that I do in the newsletter.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)

SUFOG DIARY - 2002..

September 19th : Group Meeting :
1 hr lecture (8 p.m.- 9 p.m.)

October 17th : Group Meeting :
Open Discussion.

November 2nd : SUFOG open day
at Peartree Church Hall
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Ticket prices £6.00 each.
See handout with newsletter.

November 21st : Group Meeting :
Video Evening (**£3.00**)

December 19th : Group Meeting :
Xmas Party.
(Bring Nibbles along to share)
1 hr lecture or Video
(8 p.m.- 9 p.m.)
Open Discussion

Check the diary page in the October edition for our Winter sky watch in the New Forest. Maps will be printed in the newsletter and full directions to location will be printed.

Why not join us for an evening of watching the skies.
barbeques and hot water will be provided, but please bring your own food, meat, rolls, tea/coffee/milk etc

Also, I will be printing the dates for the 2003 SUFOG group meeting dates which will be held at the same venue and the meeting prices will be at the same 2002 prices.

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter..

Janus Concert 12th July 2002.

The day had arrived and Steve Rider and myself were off to the bright lights of London to see Janus in concert. He has based his music around UFO experiences, Roswell, Kenneth Arnold and much more. His synthesised music along with laser lights make his concert one not to be missed. I had 10 free tickets for members and only one member, Stuart Wisdom took up the free offer. Others had promised that that were coming along, but yet again let SUFOG down when it came to the final hurdle.

At 3.30 p.m. I was still at the bus stop and no bus in sight, After a call on my mobile to Steve, and my wife's kind heartedness, she got me to the train on time... and at 4 p.m. Steve and I were on the train to London. After a 90 minute train ride, something to eat, we arrived at the venue around 6.30 p.m. We saw Janus across the room and made ourselves known to him. It was good to see him in the flesh.. We grabbed a table or two and after ordering our drinks, sat down. Janus's partner had laid on a wonderful spread of food which were invited to tuck into. Stuart Wisdom had met us outside the venue and we sat talking about the evenings event. Suddenly, from behind, a booming Yorkshire man's voice was heard. There, stood in the door way, was Graham Birdsall and Russel Callaghan. Steve Rider's jaw hit the ground with a loud thud, and I just stood there, mesmerised.. Graham and Russel had came down from Leeds just for the event. We shook hands and sat down and started to talk about all things UFOlogical. Then Malcolm Robinson and Judith Jaafar arrived and took up their places at the BUFORA table.

The evening had come to life and Steve Rider and I were in seventh heaven and could not believe the evening. I went to talk to Judith Jaafar and spent the evening talking to her trying to patch things up with her regarding a previously published article. Hopefully we patched up our personal differences and will remain friends.

Janus started his music and he has the same music style as Jean Paul Jarre and I understood he played and learnt his music with him. The laser light show was fantastic and I am unable to put into words the overall effect, but it was just fantastic. I felt as if I was in another world listening to his music and certainly people around me seemed to be thoroughly enjoying his music.

After some seventy minutes of mind blowing

music, Janus finished, but he had to do an encore as people wanted him to carry on playing.

We all sat around afterwards, myself, Steve Rider, Stuart Wisdom, Graham Birdsall, Russel Callaghan and Max Burns and for the rest of the evening we chatted about all things UFOlogical. This was certainly a night to remember and my photographs prove this (Even though there appears to be small, blue spheres hovering in them!!! Spooky !).

Steve Rider and I had planned to get the 11.55 p.m. train back to Southampton... Suddenly, the time had reached 11.25 p.m... Thirty minutes to get across London for the train. We rushed for our underground connections and by the time we had arrived at Waterloo Station I was knackered. We found the platform from which the train was leaving... 3 minutes to go !!! We ran along the station platform at full speed along with others and we dived on the train just as the doors were closing.. phew... we made it by the skin of our teeth. We arrived home around 2 a.m. and I fell into bed and went to sleep within minutes. This was a night to remember.

To those members who did not make it, you missed yet another SUFOG experience. If I am to be offered any free tickets for such things as concerts or events in the future, then I will only ask for 2. One for me and one for Steve Rider. If Steve is unable to attend, then I will offer the other ticket to another SUFOG member. I was embarrassed to say that out of the free 10 tickets, only three members of SUFOG went to the concert. As far as I am concerned from this point onwards, why should members get things for free, if they cannot be bothered to support SUFOG and our UFOlogical friends and groups. Fair? I think it is....

Anyway, one bright light on the horizon is that Janus is currently working on the SUFOG anniversary video. Ten years of TV programs, UFO footage and much more. Hopefully, this will be available on VHS video tape and fingers crossed on DVD. The DVD's will be limited copies only and therefore the prices will reflect this. So, when they are available, dig deep and support our new venture. Have a small piece of SUFOG history sitting on your shelves at home.

Steve Gerrard (SUFOG Editor)



NEWSPAPER REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

A reasonable period for newspaper items on UFO's and the paranormal... in fact, quite exciting since it is the inevitable backlash from that SERIOUS attempt by the debunkers, professional or otherwise... who sought to administer the coup de grace to UFOlogy and failed! Members won't be aware that behind the scenes accusations and denials, and even legal action, were both rife. So...

SUNDAY EXPRESS of 16th June got us off to a great start and only TWO days after SUFOG's BBC TV filming of us up at cheesefoot head... coincidence, or... the paper's double pager had great headlines although using the outdated but still used "Flying Saucers... after 50 years, the conspiracy goes on". Wow! By Hamish Mackenzie, it punched in the FACTS about the much ignored Disclosure Project in Washington earlier last year and the recent debunking tactics of certain people... notably the Fortean Times editor Bob Rickard... to administer the chop to UFOlogy and dear old captain Denis Plunkett of the still surviving British Flying Saucer Bureau... and with it... of course, all the thousands... possibly millions... of actual percipients... some of them victims... of "Close Encounters" of various kinds. Paragraphs such as the incident of Japanese airlines pilots who reported a huge UFO in 1986 were robbed of all their material by CIA officials and were told it didn't happen.

SUNDAY OBSERVER 23rd June followed this up with a half page feature how "passing UFO's make beeline for Scotland" and described recent sightings in that area. Bonnybridge came in for some exposure as the Scottish Roswell! No good anyone... ANYONE! Trying to persuade me this was all 'tourist publicity'. Basically it MIGHT have begun that way but had to have THE TRUTH to avoid any accusations. Comments on how some people see a 'nuts and bolts' craft and others don't because the paranormal is involved only go to show that of COURSE this is true... haven't scientists of the quantum physics and beyond breed told us that EVERYTHING is 'connected'? Healers like myself and others have KNOWN that for YEARS and YEARS! Earlier scientists called it the "ether".

SUNDAY EXPRESS article of the 16th drew a letter on the 30th June from United States Independent Congress candidate Stephen Bassett who affirmed that the United States Government would HAVE to disclose the extra-terrestrial presence in the future... 'inevitably'. By, he further said, 2003! In order to cope with 'public unrest and confusion'.

SOUTHAMPTON DAILY ECHO carried advertisements for employment vacancies in early July. One that caught my EYE... I was looking on behalf of someone else!... was for the United States Combat Equipment Battalion at Hythe... 'the only US Army owned ship repair facility in the World'. The very place where SUFOG's Southampton Water video's placed their UFO in 2000 and 2001! So much for the Ministry of Defence and their 'no defence significance' letters. Oddly enough... or was it?... that same base, which accommodated the RAF and MoD as well as the United States depot... was the ONLY one that actually mentioned "UFO's" in my enquiries in 2000!

DAILY EXPRESS of the 9th July ran an article "Caught in the X-Fire"... a TV "Combat" games show... set on a disused farmland near Ipswich. 'On an ex-US Army base, which has taken on a spooky quality due to the alleged alien sightings around there', says ED. Hall, a Temptation Island producer. The word Rendlesham comes easily to mind!

DAILY TELEGRAPH WEEKEND MAGAZINE for 13th July has a two-pager beginning on the full front page on : 'For centuries, we have been intrigued by the idea that there is life on other planets. Within the next few decades we may know the answer'. Science Editor weighs the evidence and talks to the astronomers 'combing the universe for little green men'. What makes them think we'll be ALLOWED to 'find how many just right planets there are out there'? HUH!! Just think! ALL the money and resources they spend on looking for "Life" out there... when our rape of our own planet and elimination of our own species... let alone the flower and fauna areas... would result in us being the pariah of the cosmos... commonsense, which is in short supply

increasingly, and incompetence, also lacking, should tell us that time is running out.

DAILY MAIL of July 15th has a three quarter page article and photo of that huge 750 foot wide crop formation with its corners based on three ancient burial grounds, only 800 yards from Stonehenge. Only a few weeks before the Bruce Willis movie, *Crop Circles, A Quest for Truth*, is released in Britain! Coincidence? Control? Hoax?

SUNDAY EXPRESS of 21st July ran a so-called "exclusive" on a British Transport Policeman, Gary Heseltine, who has launched a database for police officers to record their sightings of... wait for it, yes, "alien Beings"! Asylum seekers? no... after sighting a UFO some 26 years ago, Mr. Heseltine believes that PC Alan Godfrey's encounter in 1980 at Todmorden... where the body of one Adamski was discovered in a mysterious set of circumstances!... was one of the most convincing cases of its type. The article contains, unsurprisingly, phrases such as "Britain's answer to TV's Fox Mulder" and "Gary hunts for aliens with his very own X Files". Airline pilots and police officers 'have already disclosed their experiences to Gary'. I have to ask... probably you too... will all THAT stop the MOD etc uttering that 'no defence significance' blanket denial of all that WE KNOW is true? OK... end of story... so far!

SOUTHAMPTON DAILY ECHO of 1st July ran a letter I wrote on the Cheesefoot Head filming for BBC TV and made it even better when they printed an alleged UFO from their files and all in glorious colour too! Other things – Steve Gerrard and Steve Ryder appeared on local radio Solent. More to come!

DAILY STAR of 29th June said 'UFO's Spy on Air Bases'. Researcher Dr. David Clarke claims a secret service cover-up that kept evidence hidden from Winston Churchill and his successors according to a new report.

DAILY TELEGRAPH of the 25th July reviewed the program 'Britain's Secret UFO Hunters' shown on the Discovery channel. The program presented the findings of Dr. David Clarke and Andy Roberts after a two year search through top secret files released under the Freedom of Information Act. They looked at the correlation between the cold war and the UFO

phenomenon. UFO reports flared up through the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's and since the collapse of Communism sightings have dropped off dramatically. A coincidence? Maybe, maybe not. The thing that sealed the coffin on the program was at the end. "After 2 years of investigating the UFO subject, we have found no proof that UFO's exist". So much for or sceptical pair of Clarke and Robert's. UFOlogy is not dead at all, and UFO sightings are on the rise. I would suggest that you file this program in file thirteen... or simpler terms 'THE BIN'.

DAILY MAIL of the 29th July had an item headlined 'Fighters 'beaten by UFO'... It appears two F-16 fighter jets were scrambled to intercept a UFO over Washington. The mysterious blue object was travelling at phenomenal speed. Radar had detected the unknown object and the jets were scrambled from Andrews air force base. One witness said that an F-16 was right behind the object but it was leaving it in it's dust... US paranoia after September 11th... Military spokesmen refused to speculate and would not describe it as a UFO.

UFO PHOTOGRAPHED OVER ISLE OF WIGHT 20th JUNE 2002.

If you purchased the latest edition of UFO Magazine August 2002, you would of read on page 55 about the UFO photographed at 3.30 p.m. off Sandown Coastline. The photograph shows what appears to be a round, white object following 3 helicopters and behind the object were a further 4 helicopters.

I e.mailed the witness who kindly sent me three photographs that he took of the object. In all three photographs, the object is clearly seen behind the three leading helicopters with the other 4 helicopters behind.

The 'UFO' is clearly seen and when enhanced, appears to be a solid object. More tests will be carried out on all 3 images. The photo's were taken using a digital camera 'FUJIFILM NX-1200'. An appeal is to be made through the local press for any other witness to the event.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)



MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

FORTEAN TIMES is probably a "one-off" for this SUFOG regular section, but your own Bill Smith lent me his copy as being relevant to the recent furore over UFO's by it's editor Bob Rickard... "hoist by his own petard" as my rhyming humour will have it! The July issue, then, surprisingly, has a huge UFO on it's front cover... "decorated" by some ants... but that's another story! The editorial by both Editors, Bob Rickard and Paul Seveking, sought to put the record straight but only succeeded, in my view, in once again showing that actual experiencers of which I am but one of thousands, HAVE to "believe" in the reality (whatever that really is!) as against Messer Rickard and Seveking's continual tongue in the cheek coverage which accounted for my ceasing to buy FT many years ago! There are NO 'viable alternatives' as was debated at FT's UnCon 2002, to quote : "Lives of the saucer saints" (see what I mean?) was the theme of an article in FT... focussing on George Adamski... "Spirit in the Sky" was on the death of a Colombian farmer in 1969 and its UFO connections of an encounter with an "unexplained flying object" as FT has it. A generously thoughtful review of author Colin Bennett's "Looking for Orthon" by John Chambers elsewhere in FT. Plus an interesting report on the UnCon 2002 panel who caused

'disquiet' by being allegedly 'biased towards scepticism'. While author and anti-sceptic Colin Bennett was described as being 'beleaguered' by the panellists who were totally, in my long experience, long standing sceptics or recently declared such! Figure that out! Enough. Fortean Times £2.80 from all good newsagents. If you WANT it you'll find it! Sort of "know thine enemy", eh?

UFO MAGAZINE... things being what they are the July issue lies before me and the August isn't far behind! Front page headline exhorts 'Wake up People, UFO's Are Real!' and articles on 'A Matter of Defence Significance', 'The Mirrors of Whitehall' exposes that national media of links between UFO 'lessons', the media, parliament, the MoD and UFOlogy. A seven pager! A new "Area 51" film in the works. Michael Jackson believes in aliens and is aiming to be an "astronaut"! Two sightings over Farnborough. British UFO encounters. Crop circle experts says not all formations are man-made ! No surprise? Much more making UFO MAGAZINE the best there is and right up to date. Subs £24.50 annually... 12 issues or £2.50 from good local newsagents. All enquiries to Quest Publications International Ltd, Valley Farm Way, Wakefield Road, Stourton, Leeds, LS10 1SE.

EJUFOAS is the Journal of the Totton Researchers of UFOlogy and History (TRUTH) and FOUR hefty issues landed on my table from our Steve G... September 2000 to March 2002 and provided interesting reading... some of it far too technical etc for yours truly, but... Editor in Chief Craig Roberts reckons all is going well and Volume 2 2001 certainly opens the eyes of earlier cases... one over Great Britain dated January 16th 1947 ! Involving a Mosquito night fighter. Among others! New UFO cases from Munich organisation includes 'two reports per month remain unidentified'... and 'has anyone ever heard of the British Flying Saucer Bureau?' Altogether now : 'loads of us'! I was a member in the fifties. Steve G and I stepped in two years or so ago when its founder Capt. Plunkett was unable to do a talk to a Surrey group of ladies. And so on! Volume 2 (March) 2001 had material on Italian research and the Hessdalen phenomena. The controversial Alfred Budden wrote on ball lightening in the laboratory. EJUFOAS now has a website : www.cisu.org/ejufoas.htm which had over 100,000 hits alone by March 2001. Volume 3 (1) 2002 had Flying Saucers Behind the Cold War Veil of Military Intelligence (part 2) Anomalous Luminous Phenomena. Canadian UFO Survey shows increase in UFO sightings... 2001 had 374, 15% of which remained unexplained. University of Manitoba Public Affairs Dept. Chris Rutowski wrote 'they're truly worth a debate' and complained scientists seemed not to have bothered to read and understand that survey'. OK... massive volumes to read... still hacking at them as I

write... radically better than the first ones... although still that it's maybe way over many heads... (mine!) but a worthwhile effort by EJUFOAS if it comes up with a highly respected TRUTH which... I have to repeat it... pretty well ALL UFO percipients, contactees, abductees, professional investigators, etc already take on board. All enquiries, subs, courses at Totton College, et al, to Craig Roberts B.Sc (Hons). TRUTH, UFO Studies, Department of Psychology, Totton College, Water Lane, Totton, Southampton, SO40 3ZX. e.mail : ejufas@totton.ac.uk

AWARENESS... The journal of Contact International UFO Research, Spring 2002 issue. Pocket sized, nicely produced and printed. Editor Geoff Ambler writes with some humour without losing sight of the main subject... UFO's! After comments that a Beckham personality into UFO's would raise Joe Public's interests etc Geoff confesses that after his 24 years involvement that such matters will not solve the ongoing mystery. My own prognostication (Ha!) is very much increasingly allied to that the cosmic ball is in the "aliens" court... sort of your move next. It's only the increasingly weird incidents going on in and around my life and close friends that suggests that! Other interesting items include the American Fire-fighters code of how to cope with "Enemy Attack and UFO Potential" along with seven universities offering courses on same. Pentagon cryptologist said he viewed extraterrestrial space debris containing indecipherable writing and a NASA sub-contractor who saw satellite photos showing flying discs that had been airbrushed out "routinely" before public release. More! Much more! 32 pages! Obtainable from P.P. Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1FL. Subs £9 for four, £14 for eight.

INUFOR DIGEST for June 2002 heads two more for April 2002 and November 2001... so I'll sum up all three for obvious reasons... space! The journal of the Independent Network of UFO Researchers seems to have undergone an impressive re-think since last year... bigger in all respects, impressively printed, good photographic and other depictions, maps, etc. The Somerset based Windwhistle Hill article by our own Gloria Heather Dixon of BUFORA featured... VERY "spooky" to coin a media phrase! Plenty of well-documented and illustrated sightings of seemingly "nuts and bolts" unidentified craft...

some of current vintage and others going back to the seventies. Headlines tell the story... "Has ET landed in N.T."? And "We're seeing one UFO every night" etc! The April "Special Edition" features our own Welsh UFO history... largely donated by Margaret Fry who is a SUFOG member of longstanding and of some stature in UFOlogy. "Activities, sightings, abductions," say the subheadings... and so it is! An issue worthy of a collectors item. I.N.U.F.O. R Editor and founder Moira McGhee does a fine article on "The Barrington Triangle" in the November 2001 issue... a notable hot spot to the North and Northwest of Sydney... featuring many sightings and paranormal events over many years to present day. Other highlights include a vehicle interference incident near Walcha, Quirindi, the full story... excellent maps of the areas include the odd name of 'Who' Da Thought it Hill'... for example. Plus aborigine history and stories of UFO's etc as part of their legends. Another issue worth obtaining. Try Po Box 783, Kogarah, NSW, 2217, Australia.

ENIGMA shows a welcome face again, with TWO copies of Paul Vigay's... issues 21 and 22 mean dates of Summer 2000 and Autumn 2000 and I think these are a kind of reprint so again are a collectors item you may have missed. What happened to 2001 etc I don't know! Paul is EXTREMELY difficult to get hold of... snail mail and e-mails get no reply! I know he is incredibly busy and in demand. Whatever... excellent coverage well illustrated, mainly of the crop circle enigma, which Paul is an accepted expert on. Issue 22 is Paul's annual catalogue of that years crop circles... just one good reason for having a copy! I have the originals in my files. Try Paul Vigay at 104 Manners Road, Southsea, Hampshire, P04 0BG, or telephone 02392 9871530 or e.mail : pvigay@cropcirclesearch.com. Four issues a year... it says!... for £8... but check first!

RAPPORT of the London Witness Support Group arrived for the May - June edition issue 46 and once again under the steady hand of new Editor Mike Rutter... and sub-titled "Enlightenment"... which says it like it is!... gives it's "no sceptics" readership good value for it's suggested £1.50 donation for each bi-monthly copy. Mike's editorial and following page comments on the paranormal and

UFOlogical connections of pop world musicians in their music offerings. I ran an R and B club in the sixties and had some famous names... Manfred Mann, who he mentions, I also met Kate Bush at Poole in her earlier days and interviewed her... I write for a country music paper monthly since 24 years ago too!... and I am trying to think of the pop group that featured a huge crop circle on their album not too long ago (Lead Zeplin springs to mind... Steve Gerrard). While another of my showbiz connections was The Moody Blues... "reborn" again I see... who played some very "mystic" titles enough. Mike Rutter writes of the "lull" in sightings... Ex Editor of Rapport James Millen writes of the "Phenomena of Time" and shows his detailed knowledge this aspect is not just coincidental! RAPPORT magazine is available from Mike Rutter at 167 Narbeth Drive, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1PX. Not suitable for sceptics or sceptical articles! This is a group of witnesses for witnesses and is probably the only one in the UK and is now seven years old.

PSYCHIC NEWS of July 13th and it occasionally features UFO items... this one has a front page article on... wait for it... a pastor of the Cheshire Christian Fellowship who organised a noisy protest outside Norwich Memorial Hall where a medium, Stephen Holbrook, was holding an evening of clairvoyance. Stephen was called 'an advocate of Satan' among other ancient words of hostility and 'something horrendous will be unleashed'. Having encountered this attitude... surely VERY "UnChristian"?... myself at psychic and healing demonstrations I know there are those who link UFOlogy etc as being "evil" and whatever! When you actually read Biblical legends the picture is far different. While the Pope currently states firmly that "life on other planets" must be allowed for and advises his clerics to not use the term "FLYING SAUCERS" any more but "UFO's"! SUFOG members who have witnessed "other dimensional" incidents... notably at the Victoria Country Park... will know what I'm on about! The July 20th Psychic News has a report on the second National Skywatch which was forthcoming on July 27th at Bonnybridge (where else?). While in the same issue we are told that an updated and revised book on crop formations, author Andy Thomas, while film director Mike Leigh pens the forward to Vital Signs : A Complete Guide to The Crop Circle Mystery and why it is Not a Hoax. Andy Thomas is set to

appear on several major TV documentaries in the wake of the Mel Gibson film "signs". Book available from Psychic News Books priced £14.95 plus £2.50.

OVNI... the bi-monthly magazine (May - June) of the Phenomenon Research Association and the brainchild of Omar Fowler: lies before me as a closer to this section. Among the items of interest is Busty Taylor's promise of an article for OVNI of his new findings of formations in this years Oil Seed Rape Crop which will show many of last years formations could NOT have been put there by hoaxers! More next issue? Elsewhere... "Could Aliens be Among us?" asks Omar. Judging from the last group meeting where American visitor and SUFOG member Robert Coones kindly presented me with a stunning video of... not only UFO sightings... dozens of them... but "Earthlights" plus a talk by a group leader James Gilliland which Specifically alleges "human" type "aliens" who have lived among us for ages were present in the audience! Plus a brief photo of same! Whatever you make of it... gripping! Sightings around Omar's Derbyshire patch are listed... an alleged "Adamski" style craft, a 'large' triangular object going at about 30 mph with strange lights and an equally strange sound, then two sets of 'diamond shaped lights' travelling silently over two witnesses, angular ridges underneath a solid shape and many smaller lights underneath too. About 100 mph, while another Derbyshire incident had two witnesses in a car at around 1.15 am spotting a large shiny globe appearing in front of them, while they stopped to describe it as the same size as the moon but with a metallic tinge... then it just vanished. A blue beam from an unobserved source struck a car driver while on Bonsall Moor... ring a bell?... and caused radio interference for two minutes. 'Just like broad daylight' he said. A startling article also appeared in OVNI... words and pictures from Santiago Yyurria about those enigmatic and profuse Bedhampton, Portsmouth, "craft"! Permission to publish in writing too! Omar Fowler describes Santiago as 'our friend'! OVNI from 94 The Circle, Sinfen, Derby, DE24 9H, £1 per issue.

OK... enough for this issue... things are "moving", I reckon!

8 Crazy Days

SUFOG on the way, to where?

It all began on Wednesday July 10th, at WI house in Winchester. It was speaker selection day and Steve G. and I were there to give a short intro to the diverse subjects that SUFOG are able to present talks on.

However, as I sat in Steve's car waiting to go into WI House I was blissfully unaware of the roller coaster ride that we were about to embark on. However, now looking back it appears that this ride is on going and I am not sure where it is destined to end.

WI Speaker Selection

We were not sure what to expect and were still finalising things as we entered the room for the talk. However, we need not have worried as everything went well. Steve G. began by introducing his background, the group and then touching on ghosts (something I normally do). So where did this leave me? Well, I had the not too difficult challenge of mentioning some of the other areas we like to get involved in like Crop Circles, cover ups and Rods.

Although we had not really prepared as much as we could, everything went very well and the talk was warmly received. Even though we had no slides or video, we used photo's etc for the audience to view.

What did work well, I thought, was the use of our ghostly photograph (supplied by a group member), which gave the audience a bit of a teaser to browse, before being told the story behind it by Steve G. Actually it was a change for me not to do the ghost bit, as it showed that SUFOG has many strings to it's bow and that those of us that choose to present these talks can adapt to whatever subject area is required.

July 12th, The Janus Experience

A somewhat brief delay for our founder and a great moan on my behalf at the cost of bus fares in the city, saw Steve G. and I at Southampton Train station to begin our trip to London for the invitation only gig by Janus.

Before I continue, I first must say this! Steve had ten tickets to this event given to him by

Janus. This means that Ten SUFOG members could have got in free to see this premiere show. I have this to say to those who did not take up the offer:

You really missed out on a quite amazing night. While the moment is gone, you missed it! We have our memories! Offers like this don't come along everyday!

Anyway, back to the matter at hand. On leaving Hammersmith Station we first met Stuart Wisdom, who had presented his footage at our 10th Anniversary event last year.

Together we all proceeded to the venue, where we were greeted by Chris (Janus). So we grabbed a drink and settled down to await the start of the evening. To cut a long story short, Steve and I were shocked to see who turned up for the evening. As the time went on our table grew with line up to rival that of a UFO conference, there was Steve and I, Graham Birdsall, Russel Callaghan, Ricky Seriphico, John Haines, Stuart Wisdom, Malcolm Robinson and later Max Burns.

So you see why I say other group members really missed out, especially so because some of the conversation was pure dynamite. I will not mention anything about the topics here because I am sure it will all come out in time.

With lasers playing over our heads, and spelling out the names of groups there that night, Malcolm Robinson stepped up to the mic and introduced our host Janus. It was then time for the entertainment to begin.

With a combination of lasers, video and Janus's musical wizardry we were treated to a premiere show that deserved much more attention. I am not going to say too much about the show as SUFOG members are going to be treated to the show first hand when Janus brings the Roswell and Beyond show to our open day on November 2nd. However, He did say he hopes to have the show even more spectacular for November. This will be a treat indeed and one that members must not miss. You have been warned; Book this date in your diary NOW.

When the show was complete the applause was such that Janus had to do an encore. So we were treated to another two Masterful tracks.

I have experienced music with a UFO theme before, but Janus has brought a whole new dimension to this idea. As I watched the show I was reminded of 1994 at Earls Court when I watched the great Pink Floyd in concert. Janus has

developed a similar idea for his shows in that he uses his music along side the laser shows and the visual accompaniment. Just as exciting is his use of some old radio broadcasts from the eras his music is relating to, namely Roswell and Kenneth Arnold. Get albums and hear these classics for yourselves. Old classics and new classics, an invasion has begun, and Janus is the one.

But, don't just take my word for it?

After the music, much more talking was done. My only wish is that I could share with you some of the amazing revelations that came out of that night, but alas you will have to wait, for how long I do not know. You should have been there!

It is a pity that there was a black mark on the night. It was something that need not have happened. It is thanks to Steve G. that all was resolved, just about. I will mention no names, but those involved know what I am referring to and I am sure that one person is grateful to Steve for his efforts, as should all members, because with Steve, there would be no SUFOG. We all owe him our thanks.

WI Talk 18th July

This one was really a talk by Steve G. I had been prompted into coming by the WI president, who I happen to work with.

However, for once things went a bit pear-shaped for us both. We spent the first half-hour trying to set up our equipment to allow all to view the video footage. With a minute to go we succeeded and it was time for Steve to take centre stage.

With me acting as technical support, Steve talked about the group and what we doing explaining that I would describe a little of our other activities later. We showed some footage including our appearance on Southern Ways and SUFOG UFO footage. Then it was time for me to briefly step up and give everyone some idea of the other stuff we get up to including Ghost research.

It was then back to Steve to round off with a little about Crop Circles and show the recent footage shown on GMTV. The evening was rounded off with a few questions and rapturous applause from the assembled audience. Then as the tea break took place we

packed our stuff and made our way home.

It was on this journey home that Steve and I discussed recent developments that gave cause for much concern. In fact I will go so far as to say that when I got home and mused over Steve's words, my heart dropped at the thought of what the outcome might be. To be truthful though only time will tell. Let us hope, that the thoughts that made my heat drop, do not come to pass.

Now you can see why I feel that this was eight crazy days, because over the course of these days so much happened. We had highs and lows, but it was a pity to leave it on a low, but hey! That's life and ...it happens!

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UFO Sighting 10th August 2002.

The details of my sighting are:-

Date: Saturday 10th August

Time: 8.10pm

Weather: Clear sky with some cloud.

Description of object: Sphere

Height: Hard to tell, could have been 5-10,000 feet due to cloud height.

Duration: 55 seconds, filmed with my digital 8 camcorder using 50x zoom.

I first noticed a few flashes of intense white light. The sphere throughout the sighting appeared to be flashing at me! When it was not flashing it was very faint, but I could still make out the sphere. At times it looked like the sphere was changing its shape.

I am hoping this is a sign of more contact for me, only time will tell!

See you soon.

Cheers

Stuart Wisdom

Avebury Sky Watch 2002.

To be or not to be.. That was the question... Around a week prior to Avebury, weather forecasts looked abysmal, thunder, rain you name it, it was going to happen. I said to Steve Rider, that all we needed was for one of us to go sick !!! So, on the Friday night prior to our adventure, I received two phone calls and already people were dropping like flies and I started to get that feeling of 'it looks like just me and Steve R yet again'.. Was I so very wrong.. I arrived at Steve R's at 9.30 a.m. and was met with someone who could hardly speak. Steve had been up since 4 a.m. and he was off to the doctors... Oh well, good old Steve G was on his own.. I headed off and I must admit I nearly went home. But I thought no, I would be letting others down who were waiting at Avebury for me. After a 90 minute drive and some 50 odd miles later I arrived at Avebury via the scenic route...

I was met with a broad smile from group member Kevin Nicklen who had arrived 30 minutes prior to my arrival at 12 noon, So the wait started, but after a short period of time Jo and Roger Stone arrived and that made 4. Then Stuart Wisdom arrived and we were a happy band of 5. Stuart phoned Chris Martin who was also joining us, but he was still at his London home and was not able to join us after all. After lunch and a look at the crop circle formation off Honey Street behind the Barge PH, we set off at 2 p.m. as no one else had arrived. This was to be the happy band of brothers who were to spend the day together. We arrived at Silbury Hill, parked up and walked back down the road towards the West Kennett Long Barrow and the crop circle formation in the fields. To my horror, the formation in the field opposite Silbury had already been harvested and the formation was no longer there!!! We arrived at the long Barrow and investigated it and then walked into the field where the formation that resembled an electric plug was situated. We looked around and I suddenly came across the centre of the formation, swirled crop with a hollow in the middle, where it looked as if an object such as a pole had been placed, with a rope attached and the hoaxers had walked around in circles. Certainly a hoaxed formation, especially with the word 'ENERGY' written underneath in the corn.

So, it was then on to Avebury at 3.30 p.m. and see what was going on there and to meet up with any fellow sky watchers. Mind you, we ALL had our doubts by now as the sky was covered in a thick

blanket of grey cloud, and in some places black. We arrived at Avebury in the centre of a large wedding, Saturday afternoon cricket match and rain... We split up here with Jo and Roger going their separate ways and the band of three heading off towards the Henge Shop. On entry, I looked at the book and video section... Hmm... With video's priced at £22 pounds each, it wasn't long before we had left. Mind you, If there was an empty shop in Avebury, and I had the money, I would set up a UFO and crop circle shop selling books, magazines, merchandise and video's, as I think you would make a killing there. We dodged the bit of rain falling and ended up in the Red Lion PH, amid the sound of bongo drums in the next bar.. What a racket !!! Also, the weird and not so wonderful human characters were wondering around the pub in their long scruffy dread-locked hair, tattoo covered bodies, necks and in some cases 'faces'. We sat chatting and Stuart and I went for a walk around Avebury videoing and photographing the two formations in the area. We headed back to the pub and saw Busty Taylor pulling up in the car park and he said 'What are you doing here then'? Need I answer that one Busty.. Anyway, we re-joined Kevin in the pub for another drink and we were joined by Jo and Roger. Meanwhile the weather settled down and had stopped raining, but the sky was still covered in a blanket of grey cloud with an odd patch of blue sky but all in all not sky watching weather. We all had a chat about this and we ALL decided that we should call it a night as it was nearly 7 p.m. and no one else had arrived. So, it was with sad hearts that we decided to go our separate ways home, Jo and Roger back to Basingstoke, Kevin back to Fordingbridge and Stuart back to London and me, back to Southampton.

I must say that those who made the effort and made the 2002 trip to Avebury the success it turned out to be. Great people and some great conversation. For those that did not attend, well, although the skywatch did not take place for the second year running, you still missed a great adventure. As for 2003, well I am seriously thinking of calling it a day and make 2002 the last SUFOG Avebury mass skywatch adventure.

**Mysterious Spheres, Contact in 2001 -
A Personal Account By Stuart Wisdom.**

Well, where do I start. I live in West London, Ruislip.

I would like to thank Chris Martin for opening my eyes as to what is going on in our skies, and getting me started on this fascinating subject - filming Spheres. Also I thank Nicolette my wife for being so patient and understanding throughout the summer. I have spent every available time watching the skies in our back garden.

I will now take you on a journey through the most incredible summer I have ever had. It all started back in April of this year. I met Chris Martin for the first time for a skywatch in East London, Bow. Also in attendance was John and Rob Taylor. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side, it was too cloudy. Even though we didn't see anything we all had a good time talking about the UFO subject in general.

After that, I was very keen to do more skywatches. Throughout May of this year I sat in my back garden with my 15x70 binoculars. On three occasions I am sure I saw very high spheres. They appeared in the daytime as bright stars which were there for 5-10 minutes then were gone.

At the end of May I purchased a Sony Hi8 camcorder, with the hope of getting some sightings.

A point of interest with all my sightings is that all of them have been totally silent.

I will now move into June. I purchased Chris Martin's book 'Intruders in the Night'. I mention this because I firmly believe that this was the catalyst for the start of contact with an ET intelligence.

I woke up on the morning of Saturday the 23rd June. the weather was perfect, sunny with some cloud. I thought to myself this could be the day I have my first filmed sighting of a sphere. John, Rob & I met with Chris again in the park near his home. We all just chilled out lying down looking at the sky! About an hour and half into the skywatch I noticed a child's helium balloon, then Rob saw two more. We watched the three balloons float past some cloud, then suddenly we noticed what we thought was another one, but this one was not moving! I quickly got my camcorder and started to film the object. I filmed it for just under 2

minutes. When we reviewed the footage, it was clear that it was a 'classic sphere'. The first thing that Chris said was "you've got one"! Well, I couldn't believe it, my first proper skywatch with my camcorder. After that I really had the bug! Skywatch as much as possible!

Chris said that I should try and initiate a sighting by communicating with the ET individuals mentioned in his book, by talking to them and telepathically asking them to appear. I know that sounds far fetched, but I thought that if there was an ET presence surveying us, it would be totally reasonable that they could hear me. So from then on I used that procedure before and during a skywatch.

I will now move to July.

I met with Chris on the 12th, not for a skywatch but to give him a copy of the previous footage which the Sun newspaper were interested in running a story as the Big Brother house was nearby to the sighting! So we dropped the footage off to the Sun. The weather that day was very cloudy with rain which suddenly cleared in the afternoon. A skywatch was in order. We sat near the Big Brother studios which is near to the park. All of a sudden I noticed a sphere high up then another sphere appeared from nowhere. I saw the 2nd sphere pop out of clear blue sky! Then a mad panic ensued to get my camcorder out, with a lot of swearing!! I was very hyped up on adrenaline. Filmed about 10 secs approx. When we reviewed the footage, there was 2 spheres I had filmed.

My next sighting was Monday 23rd in my back garden. As usual after work I got the reclining garden chair out and started to skywatch. At 18:50 I suddenly noticed a very bright object directly over my house. I pressed record and tracked the object moving away from my house. At first I thought that the object could be a bunch of helium balloons, but when I reviewed the footage I discounted this because the shape alone was very unusual. What really convinced me was that on two occasions the object appeared to morph into a sphere shape! This sighting went on for 4 minutes. My next sighting was the 29th. It was a sunny Sunday afternoon with some cloud, I was skywatching as usual. I first I thought I spotted a plane reflecting the sun, as soon as I zoomed in with my camcorder I realised I had another sphere. At first the sphere was moving at a steady speed

past some clouds, but as the sighting went on the sphere was slowing down. I definitely got the impression there was an ET intelligence inside the sphere, who new I was filming. Twice in the footage I say out aloud "stop" and the sphere appears to stop! I think I had some sort of interaction with the occupants. The duration of the sighting went on for 9 minutes which I was amazed at!

Now onto August.

My next sighting was on the 1st which I had two. I was in my back garden after work, within 1 minute of setting my camcorder up on the tripod I filmed a sphere which after 5 seconds it faded out and was gone.

Second one was half hour later which was not a sphere so much, but was oblong shaped. It had travelled along a similar flight path of a passenger plane a few minutes before. The object appeared to be in a steep decline. When I reviewed the footage frame by frame, something amazing was happening, tiny objects were being ejected from the craft. Could I have filmed a 'mother ship' with spheres ejecting out?

My next sighting was Wednesday 15th which again I had two.

I took the day off work as the weather looked perfect. It was a clear blue morning, no clouds anywhere. After an hour of skywatching something incredible happened, a bright orange star like object appeared suddenly in the sky where I was looking. I started filming the object which was oblong with a sphere at the front of it.

The second one appeared 35 minutes later. I was really excited at this point. This sighting is one of the best I have filmed. The sphere was morphing into different shapes constantly at the start. The sphere travelled past my neighbours tree which gave the footage good contrast. A day off work that was well worth it!

My next sighting was Saturday 25th. The weather was humid and the sky was like 'pea soup'. I didn't have much hope for a sighting. But I have found "never say never"! I first noticed a flickering point of light, so I turned the camcorder on and managed to film one maybe two spheres that appeared to be rotating or flashing at me. I was pleased at seeing another sphere due to the poor visibility.

One of the most exciting sightings I have had, I unfortunately didn't film as I didn't have my camcorder with me! It was in mid August. I was

driving up to London in work time, so I decided to get some lunch at the service station on the M1 before hitting the London traffic. Before I stopped for lunch I did the usual procedure of requesting a sighting. I had finished my lunch and was hanging around out the front of the services finishing my drink, I was looking at a particular spot of the sky (which thinking back seemed strange?) when I suddenly noticed a sphere flashing at me! I couldn't believe it, I was totally stunned! The sighting lasted about 20 seconds. So straight away I got on the phone to Chris Martin and Graham Birdsall ! I must have sounded quite odd as I was really blown away by it. In the car afterwards I was on cloud nine. I felt hugely honoured that I had a visit practically out of the blue.

Well, there you have it, I think you will agree what an incredible summer I have had! Some people may wonder why I am pursuing this so much. My goal has always been to get as much evidence of the ET presence in our lives and show it to believers and sceptics alike, with the aim of informing people what is going on. Also my aim is to get more people skywatching and see the evidence for themselves. The public have to know what is going on.

I have had quite a few people express amazement at how many UFOs I have seen. I know if somebody had said a year ago that I would have witnessed a dozen UFOs, I would have said "I wish"! I think the reason I have seen so much is that I really believe that there is an ET intelligence out there monitoring us, and that I am concentrating who is flying the spheres. I have also kept the communication more personal to two ET individuals.

One of my favourite sayings is "No Mystery is Closed to an Open Mind"

UFO Report over Poole, Dorset.

As I complete this edition of the newsletter, I have just received an e.mail reporting a UFO sighting on the 12th August 2002 at around 11.30 p.m. over Poole, in Dorset. Hopefully, I will be able to update everyone on this, in the next edition of the SUFOG newsletter.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)

Hi Steve,

Did any of your group get to Avebury on Saturday - only we didn't see/meet anyone we recognized from recent years?

Here's a brief report on how the night went for us:

Avebury Skywatch 2002 - August 3rd/4th

Well, after last year's washout, a small skywatching party had slightly better conditions in 2002. Conditions did not look at all favorable as the planned start time of 9.00pm approached, with very heavy clouds coming in from the north - and sure enough just after 8.00pm the heavy rain started!

Thankfully the rain started to clear after 8.30pm, so the team got ready to find a suitable site in the Avebury henge itself. By now our skywatching party was up to 7 people - Brian James, James Hill, Tim Field and his son Michael (the APRA contingent); along with John, Vic and Caleb who had made their way down from Crawley for the night. As a change from other years, we decided to go up onto the eastern bank of the henge (which was also nearer to the cars if we had to abandon rapidly due to rain!). We were joined a short while later by a father and son from Glastonbury (sorry guys - I didn't get your names).

The evening got off to a spectacular start, for all the wrong reasons, when a young chap decided to embark on some stunt-driving to our left at the junction of the Devizes/Avebury Avenue road - managing to get his Mondeo over the 1m+ road verge, and the 1m fence (bending it slightly), before coming to rest about 8m inside the henge enclosure itself. Thankfully he managed to miss the trees that stand beside that road junction, and only suffered minor injuries - but his car did attract the attention of the local traffic police on several occasions during the night! One wonders if this 'disturbance' might have affected the overall atmosphere for a skywatch?

Part of the western sky was clearing enough for us to see a high pass of the ISS Freedom at 10.45pm, and we saw it a surprising way across the sky considering the conditions. We were able to do a little stargazing, and at around 10.30pm James spotted a very rapidly moving flashing red light to our north, but it was lost to sight behind trees, and didn't appear on the other side of the clump of trees - which it should have done quite quickly. That was unfortunately, the sum total of our items of interest to watch in the skies.

By 11.00pm, mist was building up - although this did make the stone circle itself look quite spooky at times, with car headlights casting huge long shadows through the mist. The patch of clear sky was now disappearing, and by midnight we had no view of anything but low-level mist, and all-over cloud. By 1.00am on the Sunday morning, the cloud was getting thicker, and as well as the mist and general dampness, spots of rain started coming down, and were getting heavier all the while. At this point the party decided to abandon the skywatch, and we all made our respective ways home.

The annoying thing was that by 2.15am, on my way home up the A34, the eastern sky had cleared enough to give a good view of the rising moon, although by the time I got home 15 minutes later this had gone behind clouds again. When I had a look outside at 5.00am from home, the sky was largely clear, so I have the funny feeling that we perhaps abandoned a little too early - oh well, there's always next year!

Don't forget - we are planning another Avebury Skywatch in August 2003, to coincide with the closest opposition of Mars to the Earth in mankind's recorded history! This will either be on Saturday 23rd (although this is the Bank Holiday weekend), or Saturday 30th August
Keep an eye out for updates on www.apra.org.uk

regards

Brian James

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